

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims as listed below will replace all prior listings and presentations of claims in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended): A magnetic rake, comprising:
one or more magnets;
a hollow, unitarily formed, toothed rake body ~~configured to containing~~ said magnets; and
~~teeth attached to said rake body; and~~
a handle attached to said rake body.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body ~~and said teeth are~~ formed of a non-magnetic alloy.

7. (Previously Presented): The magnetic rake of Claim 6, wherein said non-magnetic alloy is aluminum.

8. (Currently Amended): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said handle is detachably connected to said hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body using a mechanical system.

9. (Currently Amended): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said handle is permanently attached to said hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body.

10. (Withdrawn): A method of making a magnetic rake, said method comprising the acts of:

extruding a material to form a rake body;
shaping teeth from a portion of material attached to said rake body;
placing at least one magnet within said rake body; and
attaching a handle to said rake body.

11. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 10, wherein extruding a material comprises extruding a non-magnetic alloy.

12. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 10, wherein shaping teeth comprises machining, stamping, or cutting teeth shapes into said portion of material attached to said rake body.

13. (Currently Amended): A method of collecting ferro-magnetic items from a surface area, said method comprising the acts of:

operating over said surface area a ~~magnetic~~ hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body ~~with teeth and that contains~~ at least one magnet inside; and
allowing ferro-magnetic items from said surface area to collect on said ~~magnetic~~ rake body.

14. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 13, wherein operating said ~~magnetic~~ hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body comprises agitating said surface area with said teeth to loosen said ferro-magnetic items.

15. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 13, wherein operating said ~~magnetic~~ hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body comprises inverting said ~~magnetic~~ rake body such that a toothed portion of said teeth hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body faces away from said surface area.

16. (Previously Presented): A system for collecting ferro-metallic items from an area, said system comprising:

means for agitating a ground surface of said area; and
means, enclosed within said means for agitating, for attracting ferro-metallic items to said means for agitating using magnetic force.

17. (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 16, wherein said agitating means comprise ~~triangular teeth on a~~ hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body with triangular teeth.

18. (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 16, wherein said agitating means comprise ~~non-triangular teeth on a~~ hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body with non-triangular teeth.

19. (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 16, wherein said attracting means comprise magnets housed inside a hollow, unitarily formed toothed rake body.